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"Keeping our food supply safe for consumers is an important function of our government, and the Food and Drug Administration needs the right tools to do that. Several of my constituents have suffered illness and even death due to e coli and salmonellas ingestion due to lax food safety regulation, said Terry."

"I was also pleased the committee agreed to adopt modifications to the bill that would reduce duplication of regulation over farming operations and facilities like meat packing plants. This is a commonsense improvement to the original bill because the U.S. Department of Agriculture will keep its current regulatory oversight of these types of facilities."

The legislation (H.R. 2749) grants the Food and Drug Administration the authorities and resources it needs to better oversee the safety of the nation's food supply. The legislation also increases industry's responsibility for overseeing the safety of their own products and provides FDA with new and enhanced tools to hold them accountable when they fail.

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